Resolution Number: RS19-377
February, 2019

Whereas:
RATIONALE: The Board of Trustees policy on Presidential Searches allows for an open
search process whereby a CSU campus is informed of the identify of the final candidates
and public, on campus meetings or interviews may be scheduled. Most CSU campuses
and the Statewide Academic Senate have passed resolutions in support of this process.
Given the upcoming Presidential search on the SF State campus, the Academic Senate
of San Francisco State University presents this resolution stating our position on open
searches

Whereas:
the Board of Trustees of the California State University System passed a policy in 2011
allowing for an open search process for the selection of all CSU Presidents; and

Whereas:
the American Association of University Professors emphasizes that "open visits are
crucial in the success of the search process because they permit members of the campus
community to participate in providing impressions, as well as to contribute to the
candidate's understanding of the culture of the institution. In this final phase of the
selection process, open visits present vitally important opportunities for both the campus
community and the candidate to determine each other's suitability. This final step is
extraordinarily useful to the search committee in making its final recommendation to the
board."

Whereas:
each member campus of the California State University (CSU) system displays a unique
culture and embodiment of shared governance, the understanding and appreciation of
which requires immediate and first-hand experience; and

Whereas:
arriving on campus without the support and legitimacy provided in part by the process of
campus visits would put the chosen candidate for president at a significant disadvantage
in building a successful transition; be it therefore

Resolved:
that the Academic Senate of San Francisco State University (SF State) requests the
Chancellor and the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President (TCSP)
schedule official campus visits for the finalists in the search for a new president of SF
State in the academic year 2018/19; and be it further
Resolved:
that the Academic Senate of San Francisco State University distribute copies of this resolution to Chancellor White, to the CSU Board of Trustees via Chair Day, and to the CSU Academic Senate via Chair Nelson.